

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

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Many women whose husbands are on overseas duty are being continually augmented despite the fact that the city is crowded with war workers far beyond its capacity. The houses and apartments are at a premium, that living expenses are soaring and that life in Washington has lost much of the charm which formerly characterized it.

Mrs. Clarence H. Edwards, wife of Major General Edwards, U. S. A., and her daughter, Bessie Edwards, who spent last winter here, are back in town after spending the latter part of the summer with Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. Porter, in Niagara Falls. They are at 1525 Eighteenth street, the house of which they took possession shortly before they went away. General and Mrs. Edwards have frequently been stationed in Washington and always kept up close associations with Washington people, so it was natural that Mrs. Edwards should elect to make her home here while her husband is in France. Miss Edwards, who had a sort of unofficial and informal presentation to society here last winter, will find little time for gayety this year. She goes this week to Camp Meade, Md., to take a course in nursing at the base hospital there.

Mrs. Kuhn, wife of Maj. Gen. Joseph E. Kuhn, now in France, is, of course, a Washington woman. She is now at the Nineteenth street residence, where she and her sister, Miss Anne Squire, have lived for some time, and Miss Squire will join her there on her return from Atlantic City in October. Mrs. Kuhn has been in town most of the time since General Kuhn sailed for overseas, and will probably be here all winter. While he was in command at Camp Meade, she had a house at Laurel, Md., in order to be near him.

Colonies of Officers' Wives in Capital.

Mrs. Andrew Brewster, Mrs. Nathaniel F. McClure, Mrs. Clement A. F. Flagler, and Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson, all wives of general officers now on overseas duty, have all elected to make their home in Washington, while their husbands are away. Mrs. Brewster has lived here for a number of years, and has a handsome house at 2504 Massachusetts avenue. Mrs. Flagler has returned to the apartment in the Mendota which she had while her husband, then Colonel Flagler, was on duty in Washington two or three years ago. He was ordered to Rome as military attaché of the United States embassy, but his departure for his new post was delayed by trouble with his eyes and by the time he was ready for duty the United States was in the war and his orders were changed. He put in a tour of duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, before being sent abroad.

Mrs. Nathaniel F. McClure is at the Shoreham for a few weeks, until her

appointment at the camp, which has been called for the summer to be vacated. Mrs. Donaldson, who has just received word of General Donaldson's safe arrival overseas, has a house in Wyoming avenue. She and her daughter, May Sue Donaldson, will spend the winter there, with occasional visits from one or another of her sons. General and Mrs. Donaldson have three sons who are already in the service. One, Midshipman Augustus Hoke Donaldson, is now with his mother, spending the brief furlough which follows the graduation cruise of the students at the Naval Academy.

The other two boys are in the army. The eldest, Lieut. John O. Donaldson, air service, U. S. A., has recently covered himself with glory by bringing down six enemy planes, three of them "official"—that is, they were potted before witnesses. The other three he got when he was scouting alone over the German lines. He had a narrow escape one day when an enemy flyer shot away his controls and he fell 5,000 feet in disorder. However, he managed to land "right side up, with care," in a wheat field, and got off with nothing worse than a few bruises.

Lieutenant Donaldson is on duty with the British Royal Flying Corps, having been one of the fourteen Cornell students honored by an invitation from the R. F. C. to train at their school at Toronto, Canada. Lieut. T. Q. Donaldson, Jr., who was graduated from the Military Academy last June and has since been at Fort Sill, Okla., will finish his course there on September 14, and his family is hoping he will then get a short leave before joining his regiment at Des Moines, Iowa.

Army Cartoonist Wins Favor.

A Washington man, Lieut. Albin B. Butler, Jr., who is aide de camp to Major General Charles P. Summerall, U. S. A., is rapidly qualifying as the "Barnfather of the American army," according to all reports. He has a genius for caricature, and an inexhaustible fund of humor, and the cartoons and drawings of trench life which he has done for the various publications gotten out by the A. E. F. are calculated to add no little to the joy of living.

Lieutenant Butler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albin B. Butler, of Washington. His letters are as picturesque and racy as his drawings. General Summerall, who is also by way of being a Washingtonian, since he was stationed for a long time at Fort Myer, took command of the First Division, A. E. F., just in time to lead his men into the thick of the fighting in the first big American drive; and the outfit to which Lieutenant Butler was attached held the line side by side with the foreign Legion, and is the American Legion now is that the Legion hailed their regiment as its equal—and the Legion isn't given to admitting that it has

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who are still



MRS. DAVID PORTER.
Wife of Major Porter, U. S. M. C., and her baby daughter. Mrs. Porter was a Washington girl, Miss Winifred Mattingly, and was a great belle

at their summer home at Sugar Hill, N. H., are expected back before long and will probably open their home in R street for the winter. But all this is drifting away from our colony of temporary widows.

Mrs. Langfitt, wife of Maj. Gen. William C. Langfitt, and her daughter, Mrs. Francis Bowditch Wilby, who spent last winter here, have about decided not to come back this year, as they have not been able to secure comfortable quarters and the prospect doesn't look very bright. They are now at Brille, N. J., where they have had a cottage all summer; and they will probably go to Flushing, L. I., Mrs. Langfitt's old home for the winter. Both General Langfitt and Colonel Wilby are in France.

Mrs. Lewis Hayes Watkins (Ruth Bliss), whose husband, now a "full" colonel, is in France, has been visiting Mrs. Wilby at Brille during August and the early part of September. She is now at Warrenton, Va., and may remain there until late in the autumn. She will take an apartment in Washington—if she can get one—for the winter months. Her mother, Mrs. George Bliss, has sold her Washington home, a charming residence in Bancroft Place, and expects to spend the winter in New York. She is now visiting in Madison.

son, N. J., after having been in New England all summer, and later in the fall will take an apartment at a New York hotel. George Bliss, 4th, Mrs. Watkins' brother, is at officers' training camp at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and expects to be commissioned in the Field Artillery early this fall.

Bessie Edwards is the only Washington girl I have heard of so far who is going to the hospital at Camp Meade for training, but a number of them are taking the nurses' course at the Walter Reed Hospital. Natalie Dulles, Mrs. Lansing's niece, is there, as you know, and so is Agnes O'Connor, daughter of former Senator James A. O'Connor of New York. The girls are working very hard, and the hours they are allowed to spend away from the hospital are few and far between, but they are a jolly lot and congenial, so they manage to have lots of fun in their hours of duty.

Mrs. Lansing put a quietus on the rumor that Miss Dulles would go overseas as soon as her training is finished. Indeed, she has stated emphatically that the little lady has no present intention of going abroad at all, but is simply preparing herself to be useful in this country. Her sister, Eleanor Dulles, is already abroad, having set sail shortly after her

graduation from Bryn Mawr; and, moreover, the family is represented by Secretary Lansing's two sisters, the Misses Emma and Kate Lansing, who have recently been getting their degrees decorated and cited in orders for their splendid work under fire.

Secretary and Mrs. Lansing are still a bit skeptical about the croix de guerre which has been given their sisters, according to press reports. They have heard nothing of this from the Misses Lansing themselves, nor have they been notified in any other way than through the newspapers, and they are rather of the opinion that, if true, they would have been told of the honor through rather more official channels. Indeed, it was Capt. Andre Tardieu, high commissioner of France, who notified them of the citation, cabling to the State Department himself.

Apocryphal girls who have taken up nursing, there's a rumor going round of Mrs. Paul Bartlett, is going to France this fall to serve as nurse's aide, and that Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are going also. I don't know how much truth there is in the rumor, nor am I at present able to find out. Mrs. Bartlett and Miss O'Brien Jones are both out of town. The last I heard of the latter, she was visiting Mrs. Franklin Ellis (Kitty McClinton) at Bar Harbor. She—Miss O'Brien Jones—took a course in nursing at Johns Hopkins University last winter.

Washington has had another "interesting visitor" recently in the person of Lieut. Comdr. Arthur S. Carpenter, U. S. N., who had the distinction of commanding the Fanning, the first American vessel to sink a German submarine. For a while he got the D. S. O. and had a special audience with King George. With his wife, he has been visiting his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Grissom C. Riddle, at Edgemoor, and now they have gone to Fort Monroe, Va. Commander Carpenter has been on duty in foreign waters for nearly a year.

The Randles are rather new people in Washington, I believe. They are New Yorkers and are quite charming. Mr. Randle is a member of the firm of Randles & Elmore. He and his wife are very chummy with the "Edgemoor crowd." Dr. and Mrs. Nevil Monroe Hopkins, the Bob Elmore, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hopkins, the junior Maury Dove, the Girvin Peters, and all the rest, who have such good times together.

Wellesley Graduates Proud of Record.
Washington is full of Wellesley graduates who are immensely proud of the record their sister graduates are making overseas. President Ellen F. Pendleton, of Wellesley, has received a letter from Homer Folke, director of civil affairs in Paris for the American Red Cross, announcing the placing of a unit of Wellesley graduates in Lyons, where they will work under Miss Marion Perkins of the department of the Rhone. As workers under the Red Cross the members of the unit have been put to work as individuals, and no report can cover their activities of the first month. The snatches of information which have come to us here are, however, well worth passing on.

Miss Mary Whiting, of Boston, and Winsted, Conn., leader of the unit, has been put in charge of the refugee relief bureau, in the Hotel de Ville at Lyons. The office is a room once occupied by Empress Eugenie. Most of the work consists of furnishing the families of the refugees with very simple furniture. One of the French sisters of the order, in the department, the lodgings secured by the family, and if necessary the American Red Cross cleans and repairs it. The family then comes to the office, makes a contract for the furniture, and agrees to pay so much a month, according to its resources. On a busy day the office is full of families and visitors making contracts, and the confusion of tongues and dialects is deafening. In June, 132 families, numbering 578 people, were installed, and 258 refugees aided in other ways. All the clothing made by Wellesley clubs is distributed from this office.

Mrs. Harriet Root, of Ohio, is assigned as visitor of families of refugees in the suburbs and little villages around Lyons. Some of these families live near hospitals for tuberculosis or convalescent children because some members are in the hospital. Miss Root visits all lodgings to make sure they are as clean and airy as possible. She writes: "The refugee or repatriate pitifully the gender is almost always feminine—although she has suffered everything, will not accept the gifts, but

ARION CLUB EXCURSION

The Arion Club, of the signal corps and air service, has chartered the steamer Charles Macalester for Saturday evening, September 21, and is arranging a moonlight boat trip to Indian Head for its members and the workers of the War Department. The club will have as its special guests

as many of the convalescent soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital as can obtain passes for the evening. The Engineer Band from Washington Barracks and an orchestra will play alternately during the evening. An opportunity will be afforded those who desire it to leave the boat at Marshall Hall, take part in the dancing and other diversions which the amusement park offers, and board the steamer again on its return trip.

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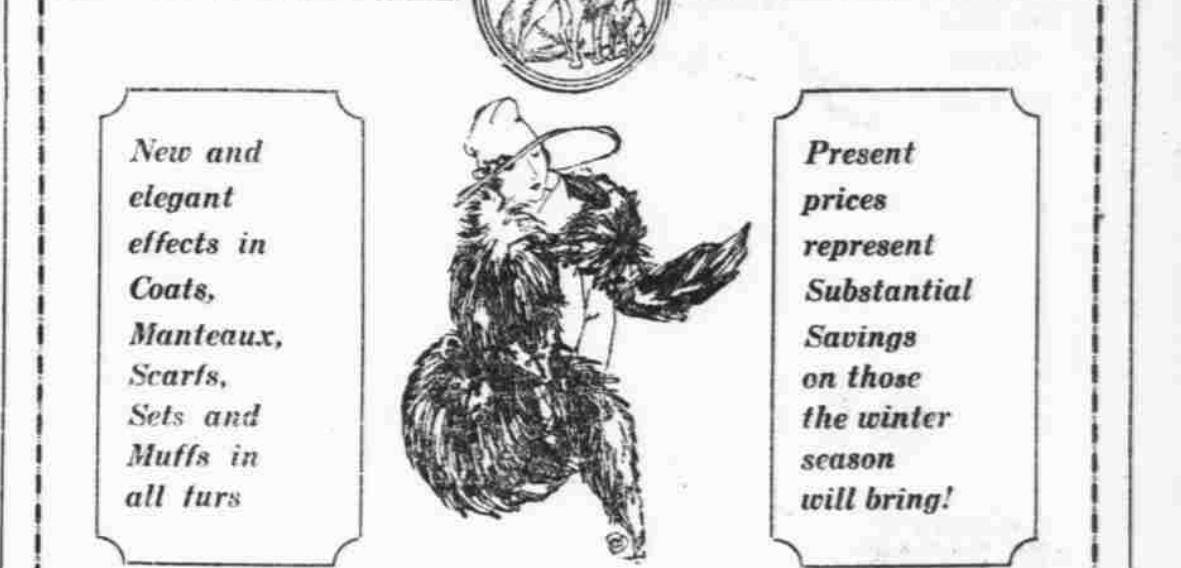
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